

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **VICE-CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES**, on January 30, 2003 at 3:05 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Duane Grimes, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Bob DePratu (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Edward Butcher, Chairman (R), Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 22, 1/30/2003; HB 67, 1/30/2003;
HB 68, 1/30/2003
Executive Action: HB 68, HB 67

HEARING ON HB 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. CHRISTINE KAUFMANN, HD 53, Helena, opened on HB 22; generally revise laws on traffic control devices.

Proponents' Testimony:

3:07pm Jim Currie, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation
EXHIBIT(his20a01)

3:10pm Mike Barrett, representing himself

3:11pm Shawn Driscoll, Chief, Montana Highway Patrol, and on behalf of the MT. Dept. of Justice

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:13pm Begin

3:21pm End

8 min Elapsed time

Closing by Sponsor:

3:21pm REP. KAUFMANN closed the hearing on HB 22.

HEARING ON HB 67

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. CHRISTINE KAUFMANN, HD 53, Helena, opened on HB 67; an act revising and updating provisions governing pedestrians.

Proponents:

3:23pm Gerald Hutch, representing himself

3:27pm Jim Currie, MT. Dept. of Transportation

3:27pm Meryl Tompkins, MT. Association of the Blind

3:28pm Joy Preslauer, Great Falls

3:34pm Jean Hermanson, Montanan's with Disabilities for Equal Access

3:36pm Shawn Driscoll, Chief of Highway Patrol and on behalf of Dept. of Justice

3:37pm Mike Barrett, Helena resident

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

3:38pm **REP. KAUFMANN** closed the hearing on HB 67.

HEARING ON HB 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor: **REP. CHRISTINE KAUFMANN, HD 53, Helena,** opened the hearing on HB 68; revise laws related to general traffic regulation.

Proponents:

3:42 Jim Currie, MT. Dept of Transportation

3:44pm Shawn Driscoll, Montana Highway Patrol Chief

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

3:45pm **REP. KAUFMANN** closed the hearing on HB 68.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 68

Motion/Vote: Motion by **SEN. MIKE COONEY HB 68 BE CONCURRED IN.**
Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 67

Motion: Motion by **SEN. BOB DEPRATU HB 67 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Substitute Motion: **SEN. JERRY O'NEILL** made a substitute motion to strike section 7 in its entirety and remove the clause in section 5, paragraph 3.

Substitute Motion: **SEN. DEPRATU** made a substitute motion to amend HB 67.

Discussion:

3:48Pm Begin

3:52pm End

4 min Elapsed time

Substitute Motion/Vote: Substitute motion to strike section 7 in its entirety and remove the clause in section 5, paragraph 3, failed 9-1 with **SEN. O'NEIL** voting in favor of the motion.

Motion: SEN. DEPRATU moved HB 67 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.
Motion carried 9-1 with SEN. O'NEIL voting no.

Discussion on SB 401:

3:53pm SEN. SAM KITZENBERG recommended that a committee bill be drafted to work on SB 401; the re-naming of U.S. Highway 2 as the 163rd infantry Regimental Highway.

Informational Witnesses and Testimony:

3:53pm Raymond K. Read

EXHIBIT (his20a02) EXHIBIT (his20a03) EXHIBIT (his20a04) EXHIBIT (his20a05)

4:00pm Joe Upshaw, representing himself

Discussion:

4:06pm Begin

4:11pm End

5 min Elapsed time

NOTE: Unanimous decision to draft a committee bill regarding SB 401.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5 P.M.

SEN. EDWARD BUTCHER, Chairman

ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (his20aad)